

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	6869	Agenda Number	50.
Meeting Date:	May 26, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) with FREEWAY FORD, Houston, TX, for the purchase of one Emergency Medical Services (EMS) command vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$120,225.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$120,225 is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Vehicle Acquisition Fund.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase			
Prior Council Action:	[Redacted]			
For More Information:	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 972-4014			
Boards and Commission Action:	[Redacted]			
MBE / WBE:	This cooperative contract is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Related Items:	[Redacted]			

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one replacement Ford F-350 cab and chassis mounted with an urban command EMS module service-body to be assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Department. This purchase is necessary to replace a unit damaged in an accident in February 2011 which resulted in the total loss of the vehicle.

This command vehicle will be assigned to the Special Operations Field Command for the South Area-Command.

The Austin Climate Protection team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

The vehicle in this RCA is powered with an engine capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

The Department has reviewed the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

This replacement vehicle has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The vehicle has been inspected and it has been determined that the cost of repair exceeds the cost of a new unit.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the HGAC contract was the best value to the City. The Freeway Ford contract offered the lowest prices and is able to provide the vehicles that fully meet the needs of the Emergency Medical Services Department. Freeway Ford is contracted through HGAC to supply these types of vehicles to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's vehicles on order